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Dublin, Smock-Alley, *Jan.* 20, 1754.

Madam,

I HAVE received the Honour of your Letter, and am not ſurprized that your Ladyſhip's Curioſity ſhould be raiſed; that you ſhould be deſirous to know, how Affairs ſtand in *Ireland*. I wiſh I could fully ſatisfy you: I doubt my poor female Abilities; but as I ſee a great deal of Company, as ſome Lords, and many Members fill my Circle, as talking Women, Judges, Commiſſioners, the Military, and the Gown compoſe at Times my Coterie; I ſhall be the better enabled to entertain you. We in

Dublin, and you in *London*, are in the Situation of two Sets of People, who make uſe of the ſame Perſpective, but at different Ends of the Glaſs; we look at you through that Side which magnifies, and preſents you nearer much than you really are; and you look at us through the Side which diminiſhes unreaſonably, and throws us at an apparent great Diſtance. There are many other Optical Deceptions: We appear to be at preſent a divided People; but your Ladyſhip's Knowledge of this Country, and your Sagacity, muſt convince you to the contrary. If that had been really the Caſe, what Quarrels would not this Winter have produced? How many Lives would have been ſacrificed to Heat and Animoſity? For the *Iriſh* are haſty and brave, and have not yet learned that poliſhed Hypocriſy, of covering an angered Mind with a ſmooth Countenance. But they really are all of one Way of Thinking, except ſome few, and thoſe inconſiderable in their Characters and Underſtandings; who have been the innocent

nocent Dupes of their own Youth, and Ignorance of the World.

We have had indeed a Rumor, that you were going to ſend us a G——, who to convince us that he would look upon us upon different Optical Principles; would himſelf have wore a large Pair of true *Britiſh* Spectacles. However, ſend us whom you pleaſe, we ſhall always be the ſame; dutiful, loyal Subjects; Friends to *Great-Britain*, but never Enemies to poor *Ireland*; to whom we owe our Properties and Dignities: and I believe, Madam, you will not be aſtoniſhed that we, who roll about this Metropolis, that viſit, and are viſited by ſounding Titles, and great Officers; that we, who have never ſeen a larger Capital City, ſhould be inclined to think ourſelves a little conſiderable; eſpecially when at any Time our naturally ſanguine Conſtitutions are a little warmed by our native Hoſpitality, by good Cheer, and old Claret. That the loweſt Rank of People ſhould fall into this Error is no Wonder, when it is conſidered, that

a little Induſtry entitles them to Plenty, and that they have been born in a City which has inchanted their youthful Ideas, by its delicious Habitation, by the Delights of its agreeable Environs. Madam, you can ſcarce conceive how the little Heart of an *Iriſh* Taylor, or Grocer, or even a Shoe-boy, exults with Pleaſure in a *Sunday*'s Walk in the *Phœnix* Park, or when he ſtruts on the *North* Wall on a Holiday, and ſees Ships importing Luxury from all Parts of the World, as he imagines, for his happy Countrymen. Little does he think, that thoſe proud Veſſels return to *England*, and other Parts, loaded chiefly with their Gold and Silver.

We have made no Complaints, have received the Law from *Great-Britain*, and are willing ſtill to receive it: we have been contented with ſuch Proviſion as has been made for us by our Mother-Sifter-Country: but what we now complain of is, the having it crammed down our Throats. Cannot Folks wait

the coming of our Stomach, ſuffer us as uſual to dreſs, and ſerve it in the Manner moſt agreeable to us? And if our Appetites are ſo ſqueamiſh as to inſiſt on our own Cooks to dreſs it, why ſhould we not be indulged? There is an old Proverb,—But we will thank GOD for our Meat, and think as little as poſſible of our Cooks. For our preſent ones indeed are very indifferent; the Chief ſeldom does any Thing himſelf, and the two under ones are abominable; ſo bad, that there are few Kitchens in Town, where, were they to touch a Saucepan, they would not have a Diſhclout pinned to their Tail.

ALL former L—— L—— endeavoured to lull the People of this Country in their placid Repoſe, and the wiſeſt S—— rocked themſelves the Cradle. *Ir——d* ſlept with all the Innocence of an Infant, till aukward Nurſes, by ſticking miſplaced Pins, have awakened the poor Babe, who at that Juncture was cutting her Eye-Teeth, and is

indeed a little, croſs; which will ſoon go off with other Management.

The People in general of this Iſland, not only love, but are prone ridiculouſly to admire whatever comes from your Side the Water. Occupied in making the moſt of their Eſtates, in Planting, in Agriculture, in making their Roads good, and their Rivers navigable; they attended but little to Matters foreign to thoſe Purpoſes. They received and welcomed in the Lump all the Judges, Biſhops, Commiſſioners, Penſioners, you were pleaſed to ſend them: Thoſe that arrived ignorant, they informed; and thoſe that at their firſt coming were ſulky and ſelfiſh, they ſoon poliſhed by their polite Society; and indeed thoſe among them of the beſt Senſe, ſoon became like themſelves.

Every Thing was happy here, and agreeable to *E———d*. Mr. *B—le* conducted for many Years the little Buſineſs there was to do in P———t, and contented himſelf with a very ſmall Share of Power to reward his Friends,

Friends, who were the moſt ſtrictly attached to the Government; he did not affect the Miniſter; he avoided all ſhew of Popularity; what little Influence he had, aroſe ſolely from his own native Worth, an amiable Simplicity of Manners, a natural Affability, a ſincere Love for his Country, and his known Attachment to the *H——r* Suc——n; from no wrong-headed pretended Patriotiſm, from no Preference as an *Iriſhman*; inſomuch, that were he an *Engliſhman*, and the P—— an *Iriſhman*, the ſame Preference would equally remain to him. Is it then to be wondered at, that he and his Friends ſhould be diſguſted, to find a L—— L—— adding all the Weight of his high Station, to endeavour to change the natural ſucceſsful Adminiſtration of Affairs into other Hands? But into what Hands? into the moſt diſagreeable of all to this Country, into thoſe of an Eccleſiaſtic; whom Fortune ſeems to have blinded with the Rapidity of his Exaltation. He was a pretty Sort of a Man, and by a proper, decent, ſenſible Behaviour, might have appeaſed the Envy he had attracted in his own Profeſſion. By a

pious,

pious, hospitable, charitable Life, in a few Years he would have removed the Prejudices and Objections (to his supreme Station in the Church) on account of his Youth. Had he been a Politician, he would have allied himself to some considerable Family here; he would have at least affected to have been sincerely in the Interest of that Country, where alone he was or could be so considerable, and so warmly cloathed with rich Revenues.

Common Sense would have taught him, his Palace should have been the Rendezvous of all those, who were most conspicuous for their Morals and Sanctity of Life; his Table should have been filled by the most eminent for Learning and Virtue. Such would have protected and witnessed to his Character in the Day of Trial; and though I detest all Calumny and Slander, and believe him to be totally innocent of all unpardonable Crimes against our Sex; yet I must confess his Indiscretions, concurring with an effeminate

Turn of Conſtitution, his Celibacy, and even his unblemiſhed Chaſtity, have contributed to prompt the Vulgar to blacken his Character with ridiculous and ſhocking Aſperſions, ſo galling, that it requires all his Innocence to ſupport it.

But alas, inſtead of taking any one Meaſure to obviate that Malevolence, which, in his happy Situation, was ſure to attend him, he fell into every Error that Inexperience and collegiate Self-ſufficiency could involve him. Not contented to be at the Head of the Church, and one of the triple Heads of the State, he affected Myſtery where Simplicity alone was requiſite. Inſtead of aſſuming a Patriarchal Dignity, he deſcended to the moſt puerile Amuſements; his Companions were very young Men, not ſo much diſtinguiſhed by their Fortunes, as by their confeſſed Inexperience. Environed by theſe, and joined by others, who had their own Purpoſes to ſerve, he flattered

flattered himſelf, that to the Character of a fine Gentleman, he ſhould add that of a great Stateſman. Egregious Deluſion! to give up the Character of a worthy, plain, pious Prel—e, for that of a worldy Politician.

He endeavoured to avail himſelf of the Partiality of his Patron, the L—— L——, to accompliſh his Views, to change the Channel of all Affairs in Church and State, and to unite them ſingly in his own ſovereign Hands.

It happened that the S—— was his Cotemporary and Friend, young, and raw in Buſineſs, the under S—— was a Creature of his own. So our juvenile Triumvirate proceeded to accompliſh their new Syſtem; a Taſk too arduous for their united Underſtandings!

Had they been acquainted with the Characters of the Perſons they were to operate upon, they would never have undertaken a

Work,

Work, which really would have required the moſt experienced Politicians to have effected. I am far from thinking they were all three of them odious; but they moſt certainly did not poſſeſs one Talent requiſite to jocky their Competitors; for, to uſe the *Curragh* Stile, they had neither Speed, Activity, nor Bottom. They had not been long enough in training; and as they all three came out of the ſame Stable, they had the ſame Defects. Doctor *Swift* would not have allowed them to have been of the true Hoynhim Race, they were ſo ſhy and ſo vicious.

With ſuch Cattle as theſe, one would not undertake to plow an ordinary Field, much leſs to turn up and break the Clods of a whole Nation.

Thus, Madam, I have given you my weak Speculations, upon our inſignificant Differences, which have produced a ſeeming Diviſion of Sentiments; juſt as the Want of *Eſſex-Bridge* has divided our Town, which a

new

new and a better Bridge will very ſoon connect again.

THOSE People who have Buſineſs at the Caſtle, chuſe to lodge and range themſelves on this Side the *Liffy*, and a few Country Gentlemen have taken Lodgings in *Smock-Alley* for the preſent; but I give you my Word, that they all long till the old Communication is reſtored, that they may as uſual take the Air upon the *Strand*, and now and then a Bottle at *Clontarf*.

WE Women, you muſt know, are all of the Sp——r's Side; and your Ladyſhip very well knows, that whoever poſſeſſes the Women, will be ſure to govern the Men. I hope your Ladyſhip will do us the Juſtice to repreſent Mr. *B—le* to your numerous Acquaintance as a plain, honeſt Man, of an antient Family, highly ſenſible of the Ties which unite the Hearts of all the Proteſtants of this Country to their *Engliſh* Fellow-Subjects, and full of the warmeſt Affection,

Zeal,

Zeal, and Loyalty to the King and his Government.

I AM afraid you will think my Head is turned, to talk at this Rate upon a Subject totally out of my Sphere; but I could not otherwiſe anſwer the many Queſtions you aſked me in your laſt obliging Letter.

I HAVE for this one Morning laid aſide my Croſs-Stitch and Ten-Stitch, and ſhall at all Times be happy in every Opportunity to teſtify my Affection to you; as I am,

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Your Ladyſhip's

Moſt obedient Servant,

Hellen O' Roon.

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I am afraid you will think my Head is turned, to talk at this Rate upon a Subject totally out of my Sphere; but I could not otherwise answer the many Questions you asked me in your last obliging Letter.

I HAVE for this one Morning laid aside my Cycle-Stitch and Ten-Stitch, and shall at all Times be happy in every Opportunity to testify my Affection to you; as I am,

Your Ladyship's

Most obedient Servant.

Heller O' Room.